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I would like you to know that I and a lot of people like myself do not appreciate the lack of representation our government is giving us in the fight to control outright monopoly. Microsoft not only makes it hard for small companies to innovate in the personal computer arena, but it also provides an inferior product, without the cleansing effect of competition to enforce improvement. I waste perhaps 30 minutes a day because I am forced to use inferior Microsoft products due to this monopoly.

Stop giant companies now and give the opportunity back to small business (and by that I mean companies of 1-50 employees, not companies of 1000.

There is no Republican/big business mandate in this country, as much as it may appear to be so.

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